

(a) whether the reply to the abovesaid Question was factually incorrect which was later on clarified by the Secretary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the instructions issued by her Ministry regarding grant of temporary status to the incumbent of the post have not been implemented by the Indian Institute of Mass Communications in *toto*;

(c) whether the Secretary has further been apprised on this subject by some M.P. *vide* letter dated 1st February, 2001; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The reply to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 1 answered on 20.11.2000 was factually correct.

(b) IIMC has passed necessary orders in the matter in pursuance of Ministry's letter, and they are working out further modalities for its implementation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As in (b) above.

TV Tower in Lowerkoti, Shimla

†1031. SHRIANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not made suitable arrangements for the maintenance of TV Tower in Lowerkoti, district Shimla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government would consider to appoint a technician for the smooth functioning of the TV Tower, so that the public of that area can avail the optimum benefit of Doordarshan;

(c) whether Government would contemplate to convert this TV Tower into high-power tower; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The TV transmitter at Lowerkoti is unmanned, like all other very low power TV transmitters in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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Doordarshan network and its maintenance requirements are handled by the Doordarshan Maintenance Centre at Shimla.

(c) Prasar Bharati does not have any scheme at present to upgrade the TV transmitter at Lowerkoti.

(d) Does not arise.

**Legislation for prohibiting advertisements of Tobacco
Products on TV**

1032. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are bringing legislation for prohibiting advertisement of tobacco products like cigarettes etc. on visual media;

(b) if so, by when the private channels will be asked to stop telecasting such advertisements on TV; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not taking any legal action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Govt. has already amended the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 through a notification on 8.9.2000, prohibiting advertisements, which, *inter-alia*, promote, directly or indirectly, production, sale or consumption of cigarettes and tobacco products.

Transfer of Staff in Rajkot Doordarshan Kendra

1033. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff (as on date), transferred from Rajkot Doordarshan Kendra, category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of posts PAXs are still vacant against such transfers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether there have been recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that the